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SUBJECT: GOI BAN ON CAR IMPORTS

REFS: A. JAKARTA 3147; B. JAKARTA 4226

1. IN COURSE FAREWELL CALLS BY AMBASSADOR THAJEB, BOTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER RAISED WITH THAJEB GOI BAN ON CAR IMPORTS AS IT RELATES TO U.S. PERSONNEL NOT ON DIPLOMATIC LIST.

AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL POINTED OUT THAT INDONESIAN BAN HITS VERY PEOPLE WE COUNT ON TO HELP GOI REALIZE ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS. SNEIDER NOTED THAT BAN COULD EASILY RESULT IN CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE AND COMPLAINTS, WITH RESULTING DAMAGE TO GOI IMAGE AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR INDONESIAN AID. SNEIDER EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT PROBLEM WILL BE CLEARED UP IN WEEK OR TEN DAYS.

2. THAJEB SAID THAT DURING MARCH 26 MEETING PRESIDENT SUHARTO ASKED MINISTER TRADE TO LOOK INTO MATTER. THAJEB DID NOT AT FIRST SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT BAN AFFECTS ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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INCOMING AID AND DLG PERSONNEL.

3. WE INTEND CONTINUE PRESS INDONESIANS ON THIS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND BELIEVE YOU SHOULD DO LIKEWISE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES WE SHOULD CONSIDER IF GOI FAILS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM IN REASON-

ABLE TIME. WE NOTE (YOUR 3147) THAT JAPANESE ARE HOLDING UP DESPATCH OF EXPERTS AND PROJECT VEHICLES AND WONDER IF WE SHOULD NOT MAKE SIMILAR GESTURE TO BRING HOME TO GOI FOLLY OF THIS REGULATION. RUSH

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